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WROUGHT HEREIN BY THE INDOMITABLE IMAGINATIONS OF...  
STAN LEE... EDITOR // DENNY O'NEIL... SCRIPTER // DAN ADKINS... ARTIST  
SAM ROSEN... LETTERER

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HERE, THERE IS NO  
UP...NO DOWN!  
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION  
DO NOT EXIST IN THE  
DIMENSION OF DREAMS!

THERE IS NOTHING  
TO HALT ME! I MAY  
TUMBLE HELPLESSLY  
FOREVER!

CAN IT BE THAT  
YANDROTH WILL ESCAPE...  
REACH THE REFUGE OF HIS  
PLANET, WHERE HE CAN  
FORCE MISS BENTLEY  
TO BECOME HIS BRIDE...

...AND FORMULATE  
NEW PLANS OF  
CONQUEST?!

HEED ME,  
DISCIPLE!

THE MIND OF  
THE ANCIENT ONE...  
REACHING OUT TO  
ME FROM THE  
WORLD OF  
REALITY!!

I SHALL PROJECT MY WILL  
THROUGH THE TRANS-  
HYPNOTIC JEWEL! LINK  
YOUR THOUGHTS WITH  
MINE...THAT OUR COMBINED  
EFFORT MAY ARREST  
YOUR FALL!

THEN, THE AGELESS GURU FOCUSES ALL HIS WISDOM  
...HIS BOUNDLESS COURAGE...UPON THE GLIMMER-  
ING GEM, AND  
THROUGH IT SPANS  
THE UNTHINKABLE  
DISTANCE  
BETWEEN  
ENERGY  
AND  
MATTER...!

HOLD FAST,  
DR. STRANGE,  
WE MUST NOT  
FAIL!

I HAVE REGAINED CONTROL OVER MY BODY!  
WE HAVE SUCCEEDED!

YES! BUT THE  
EFFORT HAS  
DRAINED ME...I  
AM EXHAUSTED  
...BARELY ABLE  
TO MAINTAIN  
CONSCIOUSNESS!

ACT QUICKLY...  
FOR IF SLEEP OVER-  
COMES ME, THE  
PSYCHIC BOND WILL  
BE SEVERED--AND  
YOU WILL BE MAROONED  
IN THE DIMENSION OF  
DREAMS FOR ETERNITY!

AND, AT THAT SELF-SAME INSTANT...

WAIT!! SO INTENT  
WAS I ON DEFEATING  
DR. STRANGE, THAT I  
FORGOT ABOUT THE  
NIGHTMARE CREATURES  
EMERGING FROM THE  
SHADY MISTS!

THOUGH THE MONSTER  
HAS NO **SUBSTANCE**—  
IN THIS DIMENSION,  
WHERE **NOTHING** IS  
**MATERIAL**, IT IS  
**DEADLY**!

AT LAST, THE  
MAGICIAN HAS  
FALLEN VICTIM TO  
MY **SCIENTIFIC**,  
**SUPREMACY**!

FLEE, WOMAN! FLEE  
FOR YOUR LIFE!

HER Sudden  
MOVEMENT IS  
DISTRACTING  
THE BEAST; BETTER  
A MERE EARTHLING...  
EVEN ONE SO BEAUTIFUL  
AS VICTORIA BENTLEY...  
SHOULD PERISH THAN  
YANDROTH!

BUT SHE MAY YET LIVE  
TO BE MY QUEEN...! I  
NEED ONLY TIME TO MAKE  
A DELICATE **ADJUSTMENT**  
ON MY BLASTER... TO  
ALTER THE RAY  
STRUCTURE FROM  
FLAME TO DIS-  
INTEGRATOR  
FREQUENCY...!

THIS  
WORLD—AND  
ITS TERRORS  
—DRIVE ME  
TO THE VERY  
EDGE OF  
SANITY!

MUST  
FLEE...

WHATEVER THE  
GIRL'S FATE MAY FINALLY  
BE, I SHALL LEAVE THIS  
DIMENSION OF DREAMS...  
NEVER TO RETURN! I WAS  
A FOOL TO JOURNEY  
HERE--

...WHERE THERE  
ARE NO SCIENTIFIC  
LAWS... WHERE LOGIC  
MEANS **NOTHING**!  
THIS CHAOS IS NOT  
A FIT PLACE FOR THE  
FINEST SCIENTIFIC MIND  
IN THE UNIVERSE!

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THOUGH I HAVE LOST MY SENSE OF DIRECTION, MY CLOAK OF LEVITATION HAS NOT! THE MYSTIC GARMENT CARRIES ME SWIFTLY AND SURELY FROM WHENCE I CAME!

YET, IT MAY NOT BE SWIFTLY ENOUGH! THE BEHEMOTH, THE VIKINGS\* AND YANDROTH HIMSELF MUST BE SUBDUED—ERE MY MASTER SUCCUMBS TO EXHAUSTION, AND THE PSYCHIC BOND IS SUNDERED!

EACH SECOND WHICH PASSES BECOMES MY MORTAL ENEMY...

\* HAVE PATIENCE, YE VIKING-LOVERS! WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE MOUNTED WARRIORS WHO APPEARED ON THE FINAL PAGE OF OUR LAST ISSUE... THEY'LL BE ALONG SHORTLY! ...SAGACIOUS STAN.

AWRRRRRR

I MUST CATCH THE BEAST'S ATTENTION... CAUSE IT TO TURN A VITAL SPOT TOWARD ME!

HOLD, MONSTER! YANDROTH COMMANDS IT!

IT PAUSES, CONFUSED, AT THE SOUND OF MY VOICE! NOW, A SINGLE SQUEEZE OF THE TRIGGER... THERE! THE RAY STRIKES FULL FORCE! NOTHING CAN WITHSTAND SUCH BRUTAL ENERGY!

YANDROTH HAS SLAIN THE BEAST! BUT, WHERE IS THE GIRL? IT IS CERTAIN DEATH FOR HER TO WANDER AMONG THE DREAM APPARITIONS UNPROTECTED!

AGAIN MY TECHNOLOGICAL WIZARDRY PROVES TRIUMPHANT... THE SAME WIZARDRY THAT WILL SOMEDAY CONQUER THE COSMOS!

YET, I DARE NOT SEARCH FOR HER UNTIL I SUBDU YANDROTH! WITH EVERY MYSTIC SKILL I POSSESS, I MUST ATTACK!

MY WEAPON HAS  
DONE ITS WORK  
WELL... SO I MAY  
HOLSTER IT ONCE  
MORE!

MY THIRST FOR  
ADVENTURE HAS  
BEEN QUENCHED! I  
WANT ONLY ONE THING  
MORE... TO FIND THE  
GIRL! SURELY NOW  
THAT SHE HAS SEEN  
MY VALOR...

SHE WILL WANT  
TO BE MY QUEEN!  
I CAN'T SEE  
HER IN THE  
MIST... BUT  
SHE COULD  
NOT HAVE  
GONE FAR!

NO... NO!  
THE MAGICIAN...

I... MY MIND  
MUST BE  
SUCCUMBLING  
TO DREAMS...  
TO NIGHT,  
MATES! YOU ARE--  
DEAD!

VICTORIA!  
VICTORIA  
BENTLEY!

I HEAR  
YOU,  
YANDROTH!

I LIVE,  
YANDROTH!  
WE ALL LIVE!

THEN,  
SUDDENLY,  
THE  
SCIENTIST  
STARES UN-  
BELIEVING  
AT A  
LEGION  
OF FOES...

IN THIS PLACE  
OF UNREALITY,  
CERTAIN OF MY  
POWERS ARE  
GREATER THAN  
ON EARTH!

UNHAMPERED  
BY PHYSICAL  
LAWS, I HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO  
FRAGMENT MY  
MORTAL FORM  
INTO MANY  
PARTS...

HE IS STARTLED...  
UNCERTAIN! I  
MUST PRESS MY  
ADVANTAGE BEFORE  
HE RECOVERS FROM  
HIS SURPRISE!

BY THE HOARY  
HOSTS OF HOGGOTH--  
BY OSHTUR'S MYSTIC  
PRAYER--  
LET THE CLOAK OF  
LEVITATION  
BE A VILLAIN'S  
SNARE!

SWIFT AS THOUGHT  
ITSELF, THE ENCHANTED  
GARMENT FLIES TO  
YANDROTH, AND...

SUNHHH! HOW CAN  
THIS FLIMSY CLOTH  
HOLD ME IN AN UN-  
BREAKABLE GRIP?

NEVER!  
YANDROTH  
IS NEVER  
BESTED!

I SHALL STRUGGLE  
...AND I SHALL  
WIN! FOR I AM  
SUPREME AMONG  
BEINGS OF THE  
UNIVERSE!

IT COVERS  
MY BELT... MY  
BLASTER!

SURRENDER,  
YANDROTH! YOU  
ARE BESTED!

WHEN I FREE  
MYSELF, YOU SHALL  
PAY FOR THIS OUT-  
RAGE... PAY WITH  
UNDREAMT-OF  
AGONIES!

YOUR THREATS  
ARE MEANING-  
LESS! ONCE MORE,  
I ASK YOU TO  
SURRENDER!

CAN IT BE  
THAT ALL MY  
KNOWLEDGE  
FALLS BEFORE  
THE SAVAGE  
SKILLS OF AN  
IGNORANT EARTHLING??  
NO! I REFUSE TO  
BELIEVE IT!

IN THE GEM I SEE  
THE GIRL WANDERING,  
LOST... AND HOPELESSLY  
FRIGHTENED!

THE ANCIENT  
WARRIOR ARE  
WILY! THEY WAITED  
UNTIL YANDROTH  
AND I WERE  
IN COMBAT... AND  
THE MONSTER  
WAS SLAIN...

MY PATIENCE  
GROWS SHORT!  
SPEAK... TELL  
ME WHERE  
THE GIRL  
IS!

I DO NOT  
KNOW... NOR  
WOULD I TELL  
YOU IF I  
DID!

...BEFORE  
PURSUING  
THE PRIZE  
THEY SOUGHT.  
THE GIRL!

IF I GO TO HER  
AID, I RISK LOSING  
CONTROL OF THE  
CLOAK... PERMIT-  
TING YANDROTH  
TO ESCAPE!

HIS WORDS  
ARE TRUTH,  
DISCIPLE!

AND EVEN AT  
THIS MOMENT,  
THE VIKINGS RACE  
TOWARD HER!

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AVENGERS		
CAPT. MARVEL		

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THOR		

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ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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HULK SWEAT-SHIRTS

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HULK  YOUTH  ADULT

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MARVEL MINI-BOOK...A MIND-  
SNAPPING MARVEL PENCIL...A  
MAJESTIC MMMS CERTIFICATE AND  
YOUR OWN MUNIFICENT MEMBERSHIP  
CARD!

NOW THIS IS THE PARTY THAT'LL REALLY  
KNOC YOU FOR A LOOP. YOU GET  
ALL THESE GROOVY GOODIES  
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KRAZY KIT!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE... SEND NO CASH... CHECK  
OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

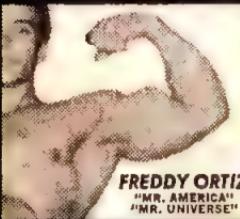
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Like These Weider Pupils  
and Champions!



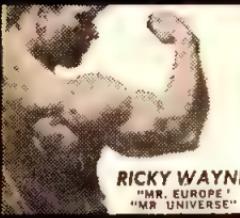
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"MR. UNIVERSE"

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"MR. UNIVERSE"

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"MR. UNIVERSE"

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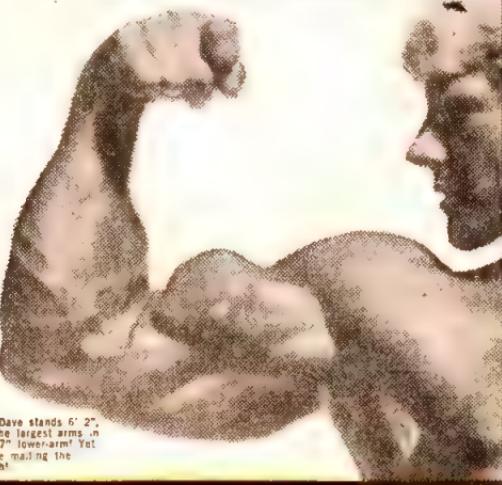


**CHUCK SIPES**  
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"MR. UNIVERSE"

Winner—Chuck stands 6', weighs 225 lbs., and has a pair of 20" arms—making the strongest man in the world! He was a 145-lb. nobody before mailing the free coupon! How About You?

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**DAVE DRAPER**  
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"MR. UNIVERSE"

Winner, and movie-TV star—Dave stands 6' 2", weighs 225 lbs., and owns the largest arms in the world—21" upper-arm, 27" lower-arm! Yet he was fat and flabby before mailing the coupon! But Why Wait? Rush!



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virile he-man out of you—with handsome muscles bursting out all over! They will ripple with power, vibrate with energy! And for the first time in your life, men will envy your body—women admire it, because at last you will own a body that brings you fame instead of shame! What I did for Dave Draper "Mr. Universe" winner, and for hundreds of other champions since 1936, I am ready to do for you! A-C-T-I-O-N Is the key to strength! Fill out the coupon below NOW! Rush it to me—and in hours, with no charge to you—at my own expense, you too, like Dave Draper did, will start putting an end to your weakness! You have nothing to lose but your weakness! ACT NOW!—SUPPLY IS LIMITED!

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AND, EVEN AS DR. STRANGE STRUGGLES TO RESOLVE HIS DIRE DILEMMA, THE CENTURIES-OLD SOLDIERS HOWL WITH THE EXCITEMENT OF THE CHASE—AS THEY CLOSE ON THE RUNNING, STUMBLING EARTH GIRL...

SHE CAN NOT ESCAPE OUR BLADES NOW!

THE SPIRIT OF DEATH WILL BE PLEASED WITH OUR SACRIFICE OF HER!

AYE! SO PLEASED HE WILL REMOVE US FROM THIS DEVIL'S LAND AND SEND US BACK TO OUR OWN SACRED SHORES!

EXPLANATORY NOTE: ALTHOUGH THE VIKINGS ARE ONLY ILLUSIONS, THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE REAL... AND SO, IN THIS WORLD OF TIME GONE MAD--THEY ARE! SMILEY.

I... I'M SO TERRIBLY AFRAID! I CAN'T EVEN THINK! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME... BUT IT IS!

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO... EXCEPT CALL OUT, AND HOPE SOMEONE HEARS ME IN TIME!

HELP! PLEASE... HELP ME!

THE GIRL'S VOICE! IT COMES FROM NEARBY!



THE CLOAK LOOSENS!  
THAT SCREAM MUST HAVE  
DISTRACTED THE  
MAGICIAN...LESSEN-  
ING HIS MENTAL  
CONTROL!



THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...

WH--? I'M  
FALLING!  
NO--NO!!

...FALL  
ENDLESSLY  
THROUGH THE  
DIMENSION OF  
DREAMS!

HE PLUNGES  
PAST THE TINY  
ISLAND OF **REALITY**  
OUR PRESENCE  
CREATED HERE...  
AND BECOMES  
HIMSELF **UNREAL**!

YANDROTH IS  
NOW **IMMORTAL**!  
HE SHALL NEVER  
DIE...FOR A **DREAM**  
DOES NOT DIE, AND  
YANDROTH IS NOW  
ONLY A **DREAM**!

PERHAPS IT IS A  
FITTING FATE FOR  
ONE SO ABSORBED  
IN CONTROLLING THE  
MATERIAL UNIVERSE  
THAT HE COULD NOT  
RECOGNIZE THE  
EXISTENCE OF THE  
**SPIRIT**!

AND PERHAPS,  
NOW THAT YANDROTH'S  
PLANS OF CONQUEST  
ARE FOREVER  
QUELLED, HE WILL  
FIND **RELEASE**  
FROM HIS OVER-  
WELMING  
AMBITION...AND  
KNOW **PEACE**!

I HAVE  
WITHDRAWN MY  
PSYCHIC SUPPORT  
FROM THE CLOAK--  
AND, LACKING  
TELEPATHIC CON-  
TROL, IT IS ONLY  
A THING OF  
CLOTH!

WITHOUT  
THE SUPPORT  
OF THE CLOAK,  
YANDROTH WILL  
FALL...



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In Care of \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your  
Last Name  
Plainly Here

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HOWEVER, THERE IS NO PEACE FOR VICTORIA BENTLEY...

WE HAVE  
TOYED WITH  
THE FEMALE  
ENOUGH!

AYE! MY GOODLY  
SPEAR WILL PUT  
AND END TO  
HER!

MY LUNGS  
ARE... BURSTING!  
I CAN'T RUN...  
ANOTHER STEP!

I FEEL MYSELF  
BECOMING WEAK!  
THE ANCIENT ONE'S  
FATIGUE IS  
DIMMING HIS  
CONSCIOUSNESS...  
FORCING HIM  
TO LOOSEN THE  
BOND WHICH  
LINKS US!

BY THE  
SEVEN RINGS OF  
RAGGADOR,  
LET THE  
AMULET'S  
BEAM GUIDE  
ME!

IF THE  
MYSTIC  
LIGHT DOES  
NOT LEAD  
ME TO  
VICTORIA  
QUICKLY,  
YANDROTH'S  
FATE WILL  
ALSO BE  
OURS!

AT THAT INSTANT,  
A VIKING SPEAR  
WHISTLES TO-  
WARD THE GIRL,  
AND...

OHHH!  
I'VE LOST  
MY  
FOOTING...

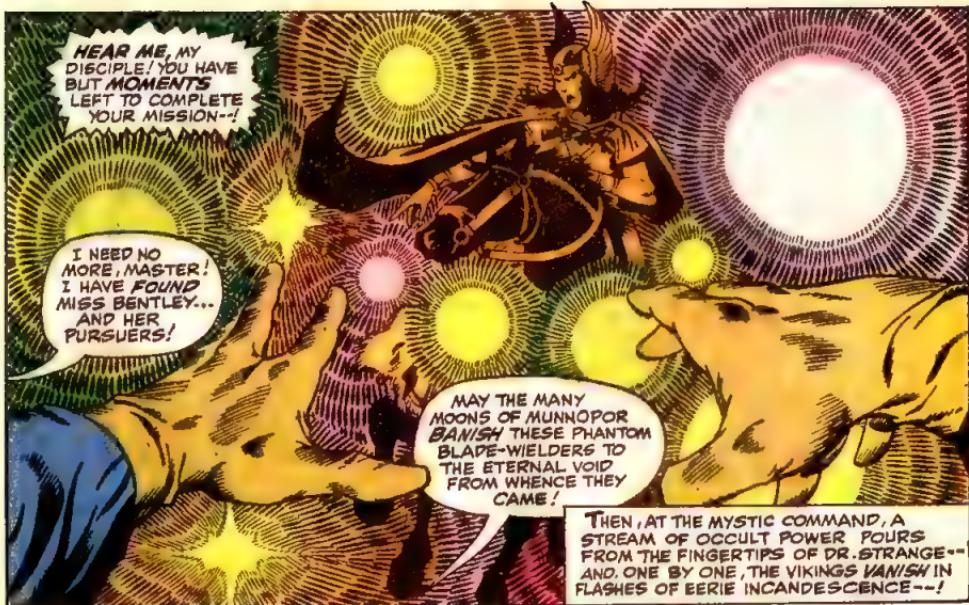
SHUUNK!

THERE'S NOTHING  
MORE I CAN DO...  
NOTHING EXCEPT  
WAIT... AND TRY NOT  
TO BE AFRAID OF--  
DEATH!

AND, A COSMOS AWAY, AT THE  
ANCIENT ONE'S HIMALAYAN  
RETREAT...

WEARINESS...  
DEVOURS ME!  
I CAN NO  
LONGER HOLD  
THE JEWEL!

I CAN HOLD  
BACK SLEEP  
FOR ANOTHER  
FEW MOMENTS...  
AND THEN, I MUST  
RELINQUISH  
CONSCIOUS-  
NESS... AND  
WITH IT, THE  
LIFE OF DR.  
STRANGE!



**NEXT:  
DOCTOR  
STRANGE  
IN HIS  
OWN  
MAG  
AT LAST!**

# TODAY

# FEAR



AS RECORDED THAT LAST  
DAY BY THESE MEN:

LEE  
STERANKO  
SINNOTT  
ROSEN

LAST ISH, NICK FURY ADMINISTERED THE FINAL DEATHBLOW TO THE YELLOW CLAW... ONLY TO DISCOVER HIM TO BE AN AUTOMATON! WITH THE AID OF A PROTOTYPE WARP VEST, HE HAS RETURNED TO EARTH, LEAVING THE HUMANOID LOST FOREVER IN THE VOID OF OUTER SPACE. NOW, HE AGAIN KEEPS A LONELY VIGIL AS THE DIRECTOR OF SHIELD! YET THE LAST ENCOUNTER STILL HAUNTS HIM...

I JUST DON'T GET IT! SEEMS LIKE WE WERE ALL VICTIMS OF SOME KINDA GAME... HIDE AND SEEK... SHIELD AND THE YELLOW CLAW!

SO, LIKE I SAID, THE CLAW, HIS FLUNKIES AN' THE GIRL WERE ROBOTS! COULD BE SHE WAS THE ONE YOU KNEW BACK IN THE FIFTIES... BUT MAYBE NOT... WHO CAN SAY?

IT'S CRAZY! MAYBE WELL NEVER KNOW WHAT WAS BEHIND IT ALL! THEY SAY ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE... HUH! HEY... GOTTA FINISH DICTATIN' THIS LETTER TO JIMMY WOO!

I KNOW JUST HOW YA FEEL... 'CAUSE IT HAPPENED TA ME, TOO, A LONG TIME AGO! BUT IT'S OVER AN' DONE WITH NOW, SO I'M ASKIN' YOU TO CONSIDER MY REQUEST!

NO MATTER HOW YA FEEL ABOUT ME, THINK OF WHAT YOU COULD BE DOIN' FOR UNCLE SAM!

I'LL BE WAITIN'... TO HEAR... FROM... ZZZZZZ

ATTENTION! COLONEL FURY! REPORT JUST RECEIVED THAT SHIELD'S ON RED ALERT! AERIAL PHENOMENON SIGHTED ABOVE THE CITY: COLONEL FURY... NICK!



SORRY, NICK! YOUR NEW BERLINETTA'S HAVING AN ARSENAL INSTALLED! USE MY XK-E! AND IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY, PROP THE CAR OFF AT MY PLACE LATER! LOVE AND KISSES, BOSS MAN!

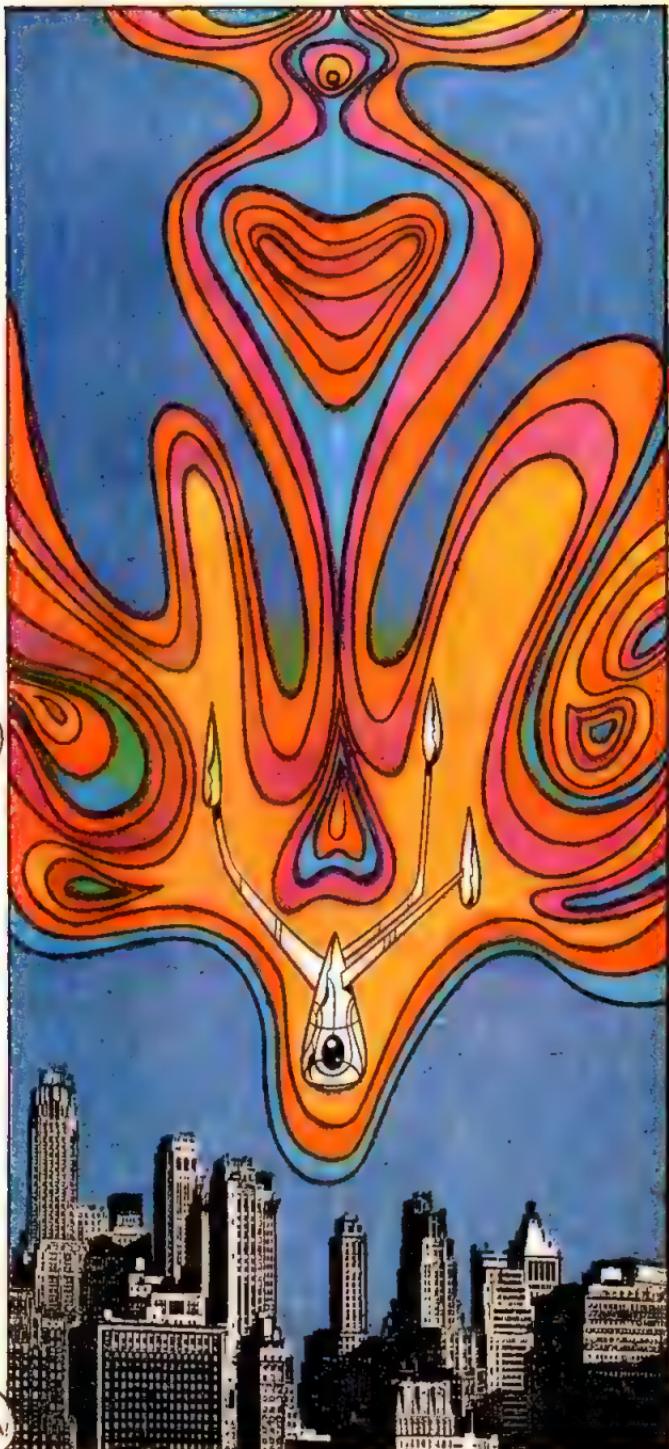
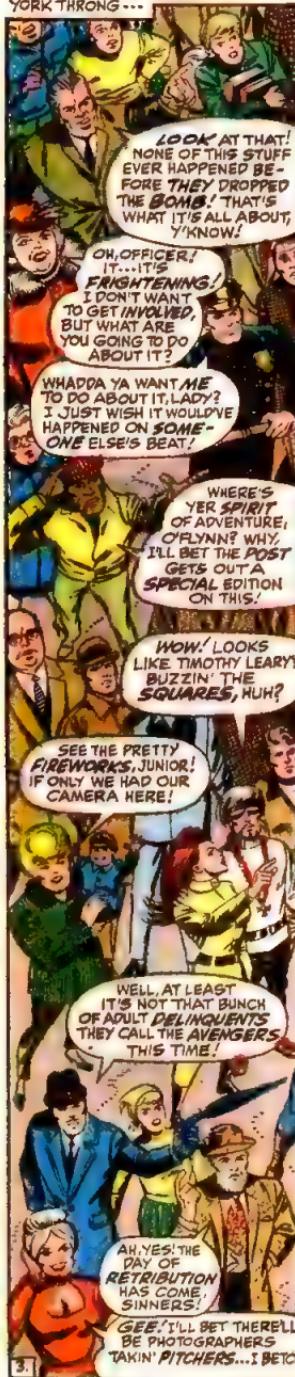
HEY! A GIRL LIKE THAT... WHATEVER'S GOIN' ON UP THERE, AT LEAST IT'S GETTIN' ME OUTTA HERE! THAT'S THE WAY IT ALWAYS IS! SITTIN' AROUND... DOZIN' OFF, ONE MINUTE... THE NEXT, FACIN' WHO KNOWS WHAT?

SO I'LL KNOW IN A COUPLA MINUTES! HEY... NOT BAD!

ANOTHER YELLOW CLAW?... A HYDRA ATTACK? MEBBE EVEN SOME BIG CHEESE LIKE DOC DOOM Movin' INTO MY TURF!



AND, AT THAT MOMENT, THOUSANDS OF EYES PEER SKYWARD AT THE FANTASTIC SCENE APPEARING IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE THE TEEMING NEW YORK THRONG...



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IT'S DESCENDING NOW RATHER RAPIDLY... THE POLICE HAVE EVERY WEAPON AVAILABLE TRAINED ON THE OBJECT... A SHIVER OF AWE, PERHAPS FEAR, PASSES THRU THE CROWD...

OFFICIALS ARE PRESSING THE CROWD BACK... IT LOOKS LIKE THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE GIVING THEM A HAND...

WE CAN SEE THE SHIP CLEARLY NOW... IT SEEMS TO BE OF ALIEN DESIGN! THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS ARE HOLDING THEIR BREATH... LOOK!... PART OF THE CRAFT IS SEPARATING...

YES! WE CAN SEE IT NOW... IT... IT'S A MAN... A GOLDEN MAN IN A TUNIC... HE'S HOLDING UP HIS HAND... THE UNIVERSAL GESTURE OF PEACE... AND IN HIS OTHER HAND...

IT LOOKS LIKE A GEM... HE'S DESCENDING TO THE STREET LEVEL ON SOME SORT OF PLATFORM... WAIT... THE POLICE LINE IS PARTING... IT'S A MAN WITH AN EYEPATCH!!

# FEATURES

TIME

ANNABELLA  
CITADEL  
BETIE DAVIS  
OF HUMAN

HE WALKED HIS LAST  
BURIED ALIVE  
KNIGHTS OF THE RAN





MEANWHILE,  
BACK AT SHIELD  
HEADQUARTERS...

Y'KNOW, LADY, YER  
JUST ABOUT THE MOST  
UNLIKELY SECRET AGENT  
I EVER SAW!

YES, I KNOW! BUT  
THAT'S WHAT MAKES  
ME A GOOD ONE...  
WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

UH! UH... OH,  
YEAH! GUESS I  
WOULD! AW...  
YOU KNOW  
WHAT I MEAN!

I SAW YA TEARIN'  
INTO THOSE BADDIES  
THE YELLOW CLAW  
HAD LINED UP!

BUT THERE I GO AGAIN...  
GABBIN' ABOUT 'IM LIKE  
HE WUZ A REAL MAN!

FUNNY THOUGH!  
NICK AINT BEEN  
THE SAME SINCE  
KINDA KEEPS TO  
HISSELF LATELY!

DO YOU SUPPOSE  
YOU'D BE THE  
SAME AFTER A  
TRIP TO HYPER  
SPACE?

YEAH, YER  
PROBABLY  
RIGHT! HE'S  
GOTTA...

UH-OH! THERE GOES  
OUR PRIORITY SIGNAL!  
LET'S GO, COUNTESS!

I HAD A FEELIN' FURY'D  
CALL US ON THAT BUSINESS  
WE WERE WATCHIN' ON THE  
MONITOR SCREEN!

DON'T LOOK LIKE  
MUCHA ANYTHING  
TA ME, THOUGH! BUT  
LIKE THEY SAY... YA  
CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK!

OKAY... DUGAN'S  
READY FER ACTION!  
LET'S GET GOIN', LADY!

WHILE BACK ON THE STREETS...

PEACE... I COME IN PEACE, MEN OF EARTH! I AM CALLED VAENGR FROM A DIMENSIONAL ULTRA-UNIVERSE UNKNOWN TO YOU!

THE ELDERS OF MY RACE HAVE RULED UPON A GALACTIC EDICT TO GRANT YOU THE MEANS TO BANISH ALL HATRED, CRIME, WAR AND VIOLENCE FOREVER!

TOO LONG HAS YOUR CIVILIZATION ENDURED THE UNENDURABLE!

THUS, EARTH-LINGS, I GIVE YOU... THE PRISM OF MIRACLES... A COSMIC GEM OF UNCOMMON WONDER!

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S UP TO ME, MISTER!

I'LL SEE IT GETS INTO THE RIGHT HANDS!

VERY WELL, EARTHMAN!

SIMPLY PEER INTO THE PURPLE IRIS AND YOUR EVERY WISH SHALL MATERIALIZE!

NEVER AGAIN WILL A SINGLE HUMAN BE FOUND WANTING!

LIKE I SAID, I'LL SEE IT GETS TO THE RIGHT FOLKS! NOW, 'POSE WE GET OFF'A THE STREET BEFORE THAT MOB PANICS!

HOW 'BOUT YOUR SHIP?



LOOKS LIKE WE GOT HERE RIGHT ON THE BUTTON, LADY!

LOOKS THAT WAY, DUGAN! COLONEL FURY'S GETTING INTO THE CRAFT!

I DOUBT IT, BUT LET'S SEE IF HE NEEDS US!

VAL! DUM DUM! WHAT'D YA DO, TAKE THE BUS? HUSTLE IT UP, WILL YA?

IT AIN'T EVERY DAY WE GET A VISITOR LIKE THIS ONE!

GOT HERE AS SOON AS WE COULD, NICK! THE TRAFFIC'S FROZEN ON THE STREETS!

WE HEARD WHAT HE SAID! BUT... WE'LL CALL IT A WOMAN'S INTUITION, BUT I HAVE A FEELING, NICK!

SOMETHING'S NOT QUITE WHAT IT SHOULD BE!

I'M HIP, BABY! LOOK AROUND YA... THE GADGETS, THE CHAIRS... ALIEN! THEY JUST AINT MADE FOR THE HUMAN BODY!!

GOT YOUR IMAGE SCANNER WITH YA? USE IT!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IS SOMETHING WRONG? WHAT IS IT, EARTH-LING? WHAT IS IT?

E-GASP!!!

AND IN  
ANOTHER SECTION  
OF MANHATTAN, A  
TALL FIGURE IN AN  
ORIENTAL ROBE  
WATCHES THE SHIELD  
RAMROD ON A  
MINIATURE VID-  
RECEPTOR...



"FURY SPEAKIN'! GUESS I OUGHTA BE  
TALKIN' TO YA FACE-TO-FACE! BUT I  
GOT A PILE'A DESK WORK HERE, SO I'M  
SENDIN' THIS VID-COM TAPE INSTEAD!  
BEEN TALKIN' TA SOME OF THE SHIELD  
BOYS 'BOUT MAKIN' JIMMY WOO A  
PART O' OUR TEAM AN' GOT A MIXED  
REACTION!"

"A COUPLE OF 'EM GOT THE IDEA  
YER STILL WRAPPED UP ABOUT  
THE GIRL! THEY THINK I'D BE TAKIN'  
A CHANCE GETTIN' YOU INTO SHIELD,  
'CAUSE YA STILL GOT IT IN FER ME!  
BUT I FIGURE THEY GOT IT WRONG!  
I GOT YOUR RECORDS IN FRONT'A  
ME NOW...!"

"LOOKS LIKE YOU BEEN CUT OUT  
TA BE A SHIELD AGENT! COURSE  
I CAN'T MAKE UP YER MIND FOR  
YA! BUT I GOT A HUNCH THE F.B.I.'S  
LOSS WOULD BE OUR GAIN! SO  
LIKE I SAID--"



BUT, AT THAT VERY  
INSTANT, THE ALIEN  
STRANGER REALIZES  
HIS HUMAN GUISE  
HAS BEEN PENETRATED...  
AND WITH A MERE  
GESTURE RELEASES  
A HORRIFYING BOLT  
OF LETHAL ENERGY AT  
THOSE STANDING  
BEFORE HIM...

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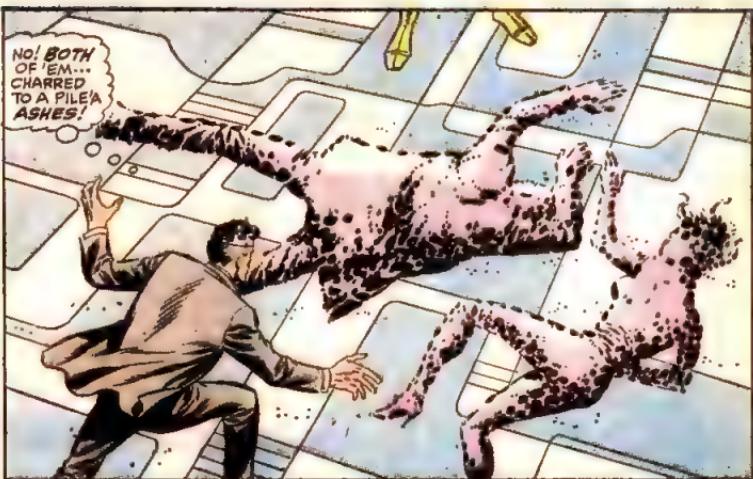
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IT HAD TO BE DONE...  
FOR THEY HAD DIS-COVERED MY SECRET!  
NO ONE MUST KNOW  
BEFORE MY MISSION  
IS ACCOMPLISHED!

THEIRS WAS A  
QUICK DEATH!  
NOW...

MEBBE... MISTER-  
WHATEVER-YA-ARE...  
BUT FIRST, I SWEAR  
I'M GONNA KILL YA  
FOR WHAT YA  
JUST DID!

SO MEBBE I  
CAN'T STOP YA  
FROM BLASTIN'  
ME WITH ONE'A  
THEM LIGHTIN'  
BOLTS...

BUT THIS MOLD  
COCCOON PELLET'LL  
DO THE JOB ALL  
RIGHT! IN ANOTHER  
SECOND YOU'LL BE...  
HUH??

THAT HEADBAND...  
NO USE MAKIN' A  
GRAB FOR IT,  
CREEP... YOU'LL  
NEVER MAKE IT  
NOW...



... AND, AS  
FURY RIPS  
THE THIN  
CIRCLE OF  
METAL  
FROM THE  
ALIEN'S HEAD,  
HE GOES  
THROUGH  
AN UN-  
BELIEVABLE  
MUTATION...  
SHRINKING,  
WRITHING,  
CHANGING,  
TWISTING,  
GROWING  
-- UNTIL HE  
EMERGES  
IN HIS  
TRUE FORM...  
AN UN-  
DESCRIBABLE  
CREATURE  
FROM  
ANOTHER  
DIMENSION...



THE HEADBAND...IT TURNED HIM  
INTO A HUMAN! CAN IT TURN ME  
INTO AN ALIEN...SOME KINDA  
MONSTER LIKE HIM...BUT BIGGER...  
AN STRONGER...CAN IT?

THEN, A SPLIT MICRO-  
SECOND LATER, THE BEING  
THAT WAS ONCE COLONEL  
FURY IS GONE...AND IN HIS  
PLACE, A GIGANTIC FIGURE  
FAR BEYOND DESCRIPTION  
OF MERE HUMAN WORDS...A  
FIGURE THAT LASHES OUT IN  
A SAVAGE FRENZY, BEGIN-  
NING A SPINE-CHILLING  
DUEL OF UNEARTHLY  
GARGOYLE...



YOU ARE TOO LATE!  
EVEN IF YOU COULD HAVE  
DEFEATED ME, YOU'RE  
TOO LATE!

YOU SEE, THE PRISM OF MIRACLES  
IS A WORLD-KILLING MACHINE...  
AND THE PURPOSE OF MY RACE IS  
TO ELIMINATE ALL LIFE...EVERY-  
WHERE!

LISTEN! ALREADY GREEDY EARTHLY  
MEN HAVE TURNED ON THE MACHINE AND BEGUN  
TO UPSET THE BALANCE OF YOUR  
UNIVERSE! IT IS ALL OVER! ALL  
OVER!



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# I'LL MAKE YOU A MASTER OF

# KARATE

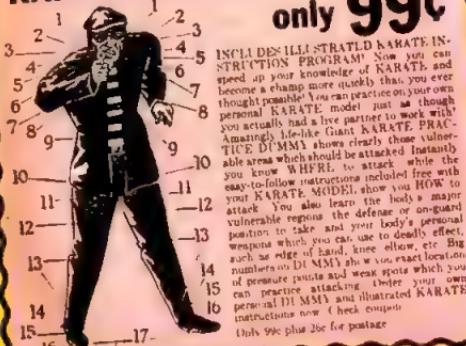
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**ITEM!** Now that you're starting to recover from the sensational shock of seeing CAPTAIN AMERICA and the Incredible HULK in their own magnificent mags — hold tight! Here comes the next dazzling development in the Second Golden Age of Marvel —! On sale right now you'll find three (count 'em, THREE!) more titanic titles to boot you out of your tree! You guessed it — IRON MAN and SUB-MARINER have just been awarded full-length, monthly mags of their own — and adventuredom will never be the same! You know how valuable a first edition of any other Marvel masterpiece would be today... such as the first edition of FANTASTIC FOUR, or the Amazing SPIDER-MAN... well, just imagine how much IRON MAN #1 and SUB-MARINER #1 will be worth after you've kept them for a while! One thing you can't even begin to imagine is the excitement, drama, and suspense we've jam-packed into each gala premiere ish! So, why waste time with any more chatter? They're on sale now! They're great! Get 'em!

**ITEM!** But, we mentioned THREE new titles, didn't we? (Thought we goofed again; huh? Nyahh!) Well, here's the other one you've been eagerly awaiting — possibly the biggest, fastest smash-hit to come along since NOT BRAND ECHH! So overwhelming has been the reaction to the new star of MARVEL SUPERHEROES, that we've been forced to give none other than CAPTAIN MARVEL his own full-length monthly mag — starting now! Yessir, he's on sale at this very minute, proving once again that what a Marvel fan wants — he GETS! And even THAT isn't all! Read on, rascallion —

**ITEM!** We had to do something with MARVEL SUPERHEROES since we kicked C. M. upstairs, and do something we did! We've decided to use this giant-sized, 25¢ bi-monthly mag as a vehicle for experimentation, and for presenting the most off-beat strips of all, both old and new. So, just for starters, we're featuring a brand-new, never-before-presented, full-length adventure of SPIDER-MAN in the issue of MARVEL SUPERHEROES which is now on sale! However — it's a different type of Spider-Man — drawn by a different artist — just as an experiment. We couldn't decide what to do with it — so, instead of keeping it hidden on a shelf, we thought we'd present it to you and see what you think. The story line is somewhat offbeat and not the usual Spidey adventure, and it's — ah, why bother! You'll see for yourself in M.S.H. #14!

**ITEM!** And, speaking of new titles, maniacal Marvel has put together a totally different type of publication, just for a lark! It's a hilarious, laugh-packed illustrated joke book called "GROOVY"! It's on sale now, for no more than the price of any other comic mag — and if laughter's your bag, we urge you to grab a copy. But now, on to other subjects, before you start thinking that we're in this biz for the money!

**ITEM!** Once again we've received a letter in which we thought all of Marveldom might be interested. So, without any further ado —

Dear Bullpen, I want to compliment all you guys for the great entertainment your mags bring to the invalids and the ill in our nation's hospitals. Being a volunteer worker at a hospital in Philly, I know how lonely some of the patients are, so I gather up all of my doubles and distribute them among the patients. Unfortunately, I've only enough for one floor, so I'm asking all kids with any extra Marvels to bring them to the nearest hospital if they want to make a lot of patients happy.

Let's meet 26 more  
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Thanks from myself and the many patients for the hours of enjoyment you furnish. Sincerely,

Josh Zissman  
6716 N. 17th St. R. Phila., Pa.

Our thanks to you, Josh, for a most worthwhile gesture and a grand idea. May we suggest that all our friends bring Marvel mags — or indeed, ANY worthwhile periodicals — to the nearest hospital as often as possible. You may not get a medal, but it's things like that which make life just a little bit nicer for others—and isn't that really what it's all about?

**MORE SURPRISES** next ish — plus the final rank of Marveldom for you to memorize and treasure fore'er! But now, since we're running plumb outta room, let's bow our heads for the nonce and think tidy thoughts, as we get into the mood for our sermon of the month, delivered as usual by our grinnin' guru — Smilin' Stan himself — i

## STAN'S SOAPBOX!

We TOLD you that Marvel would make '68 the year of the big changes, the big excitement, and the big surprises! Well, believe it or not, there's still more in store for you! We've another couple of new titles to announce on this page next ish — and still more unexpected goodies to dangle before you as the months speed by! It's all part of a promise, a pledge we made a long time ago, when we vowed to continually improve the quality of comic magazines — to make you proud to be a Marvelite. (Incidentally, didja know that more than a dozen college professors throughout America now use Marvel mags in their English Lit. courses as supplemental material? It's only a start — but we're getting there, gang!) Anyway, we're presently working on a totally new magazine, one which may completely change the whole complexion of the comic book format. We expect it to be the most sensational success since Marvel itself first burst upon the public awareness with the impact of an H-bomb! Watch for clues in the months to come, and till we meet again — let's be good to each other. There's gotta be SOME hope for a race that keeps reaching for the stars! — Smiley

## THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

Marvelous Mags On Sale Right Now!

**NOT BRAND ECHH** #7: So hilarious that it's still on sale! We don't want anyone to miss the hysterical ORIGIN OF THE FANTASTICAL FOUR—or the brain-blasting ORIGIN OF STUPORMAN! But hurry — there aren't many left!

**FANTASTIC FOUR** #74: We only need to mention one word — and to advise you to get to your magazine dealer early! That word, of course, is — GALACTUS! And we'll just whisper that the SILVER SURFER flies again!

**SPIDER-MAN** #60: Have you ever had one of those days when everything goes wrong? Well, when it happens to you or me, so what? But when it happens to SPIDEY — while he's engaged in a life-or-death battle with the craven KINGPIN — look out!

**AVENGERS** #51: GOLIATH regains his growing power! THOR battles IRON MAN! The macabre COLLECTOR tries once more to add the AVENGERS to his trophy case! It all adds up to action, loyal one—and we did it just for you!

**X-MEN** #43: With PROFESSOR X dead, and the now leaderless X-MEN at their lowest ebb — MAGNETO strikes! This drama-drenched powerhouse is an absolute must for all mutant-watchers! "Nuff said!"

**DAREDEVIL** #39: This is what you've been clamoring for! A new, truly unforgettable arch-villain, named the EXTERMINATOR! (And it's not hard to guess why!) Plus, the return of APE MAN, BIRD MAN, and CAT MAN! All that and DD too! How lucky can ya be?

**THOR** #151: At last! The mightiest hero of all regains his matchless power during the most dramatic sequence you've ever thrilled to! But, it looks as though it may be too late to gain a vital victory over the DESTROYER — and, "wouldja believe — ULK?"

**CAPTAIN AMERICA** #101: We're so excited about this one, we can hardly get the words out! Remember the almost legendary tale of the THREE SLEEPERS? Well, it seems there was a FOURTH — and, not only that — the RED SKULL lives again! Don't dare miss it!

**INCREDIBLE HULK** #103: The HULK returns to earth and discovers his last living friend, RICK JONES, has turned against him! Then, at his lowest ebb, he must face the most awesome menace of all — the SPACE PARASITES!

**IRON MAN** #3: In this pulse-pounding premiere issue, She-Hulk stops an attempt by AIM to duplicate his armor—and at last unmasks the Maggia's loathsome leader, BIG MI Plus, the ORIGIN of IRON MAN! It's too much!

**SUB-MARINER** #1: At last, the long-awaited "ORIGIN OF SUB-MARINER"! Along with the senses-shattering secret of Subby's amnesia-plagued years! This has to be the most eagerly-anticipated Marvel premiere ever!

**CAPTAIN MARVEL** #1: Now, in his own magnificient mag, CAPTAIN MARVEL locks horns with the senses-shattering SENTRY in a titanic, twenty-page epic you'll never forget! At least, we hope not!

**SGT. FURY** #53: In their most deadly mission yet, the HOWLERS go for broke to capture Hitler's right-hand man from an invincible fortress in the Bavarian Alps! It's the biggest battle-mag blockbuster of 'em all!

**CAPTAIN SAVAGE** #2: Acclaimed such a shell-shocked sensation that we're leaving it on sale for another month—and no wonder, since it features the rip-roaring return of — BARON STRUCKER!

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Dear Stan,

Magnificent! Colossal! Stupendous! Forbushous? What? STRANGE TALES #165, of course! Never have I ever seen such a magnificent mag. The idea of having Fury beaten because of having battle fatigue was colossal. And Doc Strange is getting better all the time! 'Nuff said!

Jim Bussiere, Rt. #4  
Green Bay, Wisc. 54301

If you say so, J. B. — it's good enough for us!

Dear Stan,

In STRANGE TALES #164 Nick Fury is depicted as thinking, ". . . the light is converted to energy! An' every fifth grader knows ya can't see energy!" Well, Fury had better go back to the fifth grade. Light itself is a form of radiant energy that stimulates the sensory nerves of the eye — except the individual cases of infra-red and ultra-violet light. Light waves being a form of electromagnetic waves, the frequency of the light could be changed to an invisible form such as radio or magnetic waves, but to say that light waves could be converted to energy is a blunder unbecoming the director of SHIELD. But, until Fury passes grade school, please hurry — back Fury!

Mike Butler, 602 W. Highmoor  
Stockton, Cal. 95207

What say we make a deal, Mike? We'll send Jim Steranko back to his fifth grade correspondence course — if you'll promise to stop writing poetry! Fury and hurry? Sheesh! Oh well, at least we'll send you a no-prize for spotting our gargantuan goof. Just don't expect it to be approved by Poet Laureate Forbush!



Dear Stan,

I've only been a Marvel Maniac for about a year now, but I've read a lot of the back issues. I just had to comment on the suggestion that Dr. Strange fight normal supervillains. In my estimation, Dr. Strange has been getting better every issue, and I wouldn't want things changed.

But I'd love to see him visit in some of your other mags, such as AVENGERS or THOR. Wouldn't he go over great in Asgard? Thanks for putting out the first comics on an adult level that I've ever seen. Make mine Marvel!

Peggy Ann Dolan, Box 4227  
University, Miss.

You talked us into it, Peg — and you also got us thinking along the lines of seeing the Doc take a little vacation trip across the fabled Rainbow Bridge into Asgard! We can't tell you exactly when it'll happen — but you can be sure we'll hit you with it when you least expect it! So, until the Master of the Mystic Arts and Big Daddy Odin get together to compare amulet collections, stay with us, pussycat! The best is yet to come!



Dear Stan,

Nick Fury lives! You bet your eyepatch, he does! Yes, sir, Jim Steranko draws an Agent of SHIELD that really lives and breathes — and shoots at the bad guys! In the first few issues of SHIELD that he drew, Jim's art wasn't up to par, but then came a turning point. Starting with the double page illo in issue #156, his art began to improve. His best work of all has been in the Yellow Claw episodes (maybe that was when he started to do the coloring chores?). Whatever you do, keep Jim on SHIELD. Concerning Dr. Strange, Dan Adkins is THE artist. He has a style not unlike the original STRANGE artist, but Dan is more of a perfectionist. He puts in more detail and background, and is a bit more realistic. Jim Steranko and Dan Adkins — two names that should forever be associated with Marvel. Oh, by the way, whatever happened to 'Nuff? He hasn't said much lately!

Thomas Miller, 483 Wilton Dr.  
Baton Rouge, La. 70815

And why should he, Tommy lad — when there are art critics like you around to do the talking for him? As a matter of fact, Dapper Dan and Jaunty Jim are wondering if you couldn't maybe write us a hundred letters every month instead of just one! Anyway, we think you're in for a real treat next month when both Fury and Doc Strange go into their own mags! That means from now on you'll be getting twice the awesome artwork by our two talented titans every month! Groovy? Groovy!

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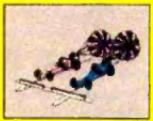
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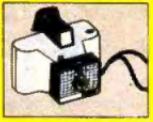
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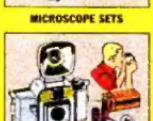
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